



WHEREAS, 2015 marks the 143rd anniversary of the observance of Arbor Day, which is observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, this is the 28th anniversary of the City of Bloomington being awarded the Tree City USA designation; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of beautification, joy, and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim April 24, 2015, as the 143rd anniversary celebration of

ARBOR DAY

during Arbor Month in the city of Bloomington and I urge all citizens to celebrate this Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands; and

FURTHERMORE, I urge all citizens to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the wellbeing of this and future generations.

Dated this 20th day of April 2015.

Gene Winstead, Mayor

City of Bloomington, Minnesota